

In the Claims:

Please modify claims 1, 8, and 21 as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A container for inhibiting the spillage of contents of said container, wherein said container defines a substantially spherically shaped container having an inner cavity of a predetermined volume and an open funnel of a predetermined volume extending into said inner cavity to provide communication between said inner cavity and the exterior of said container, and wherein said container removably contains at least one substance of the following group of substances comprising an edible particulate candy substance, a candy article substance, and a combination of an edible particulate candy substance and a candy article substance, and wherein said candy article substance further includes a handle portion connected thereto, ~~and wherein said handle includes a plug comprised of eraser material connected to said handle such that a resultant length of said handle and said plug in combination is adjustable,~~ and wherein a volume within said container occupied by said edible particulate candy substance defines a volume that is no more than one half of the result of said container volume minus said funnel volume.
2. (Previously amended) The container of claim 1 wherein said edible particulate candy substance further defines at least one substance of the following group of substances comprising a candy powder substance and a candy bead substance, and wherein said candy article substance further defines a substance of one of the following group of substances comprising a discreet substantially spherical candy substance and a lollipop substance.
3. (Original) The container of claim 1 wherein said container inhibits the spillage of said substance when said container is oriented in any position.
4. (Previously amended) The container of claim 3 wherein said container includes a lollipop within said container and wherein said lollipop is removable from said container by passing said lollipop through said funnel.

5. (Previously amended) The container of claim 2 wherein said lollipop defines a lollipop having a handle and wherein said handle includes a pliable holder mounted to said handle and wherein said holder is sealingly engagable to said container.
6. (Original) The container of claim 1 wherein said funnel includes an inner opening and wherein said inner opening is located near the center of said container.
7. (Original) The container of claim 1 wherein at least a portion of said container is substantially transparent so as to reveal the contents of said container.
8. (Currently amended) A container for inhibiting the spillage of contents of said container, wherein said container defines a substantially spherically shaped container ~~having a flat formed in a lower wall of said container and~~ having an inner cavity of a predetermined volume and an open opening in a wall of said container to provide communication between said inner cavity and the exterior of said container and wherein said container inhibits the spillage of free flowing particulate matter when said container contains free flowing particulate matter and is oriented in any position and wherein said container contains at least one substance of the following group of substances comprising an edible particulate candy substance, a candy article substance, and a combination of an edible particulate candy substance and a candy article substance, and wherein said candy article further includes a handle connected thereto, and wherein said handle includes a pliable plug connected to said handle ~~such that a resultant length of said handle and said plug in combination is adjustable,~~ said pliable plug being adapted to sealingly close said container when said plug is inserted into said opening of said wall, and wherein a volume within said container occupied by said edible particulate candy substance defines a volume that is no more than one half of said container volume.
9. (Previously amended) The container of claim 8 wherein said edible particulate candy substance further defines at least one substance of the following group of substances comprising a candy powder substance and a candy bead substance, and wherein said candy article substance further defines a substance of one of the following group of substances comprising a discreet substantially spherical candy substance and a lollipop substance.

10. (Original) The container of claim 8 wherein said open opening defines an open funnel.
11. (Previously amended) The container of claim 10 wherein said lollipop is removable from said container by passing said lollipop through said funnel.
12. (Previously amended) The container of claim 9 wherein said lollipop substance defines a lollipop having a handle and wherein said handle includes a pliable holder mounted to said handle and wherein said holder is sealingly engagable to said container.
13. (Original) The container of claim 10 wherein said funnel includes an inner opening and wherein said inner opening is located near the center of said container.
14. (Original) The container of claim 8 wherein at least a portion of said container is substantially transparent so as to reveal the contents of said container.
- 15-20. (Previously canceled).
21. (Currently amended) A container for inhibiting the spillage of contents of said container, wherein said container defines a substantially hollow substantially spherically shaped container having an inner cavity of a predetermined volume and a substantially cylindrically shaped open funnel of a predetermined volume extending into said inner cavity to provide communication between said inner cavity and the exterior of said container, said funnel having a first open end and a second open end, said second open end being positioned within said inner cavity, and wherein said container contains an edible particulate candy substance and wherein said container removably contains a substantially spherical candy article, said candy article having a substantially elongated cylindrical handle connected to said candy article on a first end of said handle, said handle being connected to a pliable eraser plug ~~connected thereto on a second end of said handle,~~ said plug being adapted to sealingly close said container when said plug is inserted into said funnel first open end, and wherein a volume within said container occupied by said edible particulate candy substance defines a volume that is no more than one half of the resultant volume of said container volume minus said funnel volume, and wherein said funnel second open end and said candy article are adapted

such that when said candy article is inserted within said container inner cavity, a gap is formed between said funnel second open end and said candy article, and wherein said gap defines a distance between said funnel second open end and said candy article that is at least half as large as the diameter of said substantially spherical candy article, and wherein said diameter of said candy article is at least four times as large as a diameter of said handle such that said gap and said difference in the size of said diameters of said candy article and said handle cooperate so as to provide for the flow of said edible particulate candy substance around substantially the whole entire exterior of said candy article so as to enable the coating of substantially the entire exterior of said candy article with said edible particulate candy substance, and wherein said gap defines a distance between said funnel second open end and said candy article that is at least half as large as any dimension of said candy article.

22. (Previously amended) The container of claim 21 wherein said edible particulate candy substance further defines a substance of one of the following group of substances comprising a candy granular substance, a candy powder substance, and a candy bead substance.
23. (Previously amended) The container of claim 21 wherein said container inhibits the spillage of said substance when said container is oriented in any position.
24. (Previously amended) The container of claim 21 wherein said funnel second open end is located near the center of said container.
25. (Previously amended) The container of claim 21 wherein said candy article further defines a lollipop having an edible candy portion and a handle portion, said handle further defining an elongated stick portion and a plug portion, and wherein a resultant length of said stick portion and said plug portion in combination is adjustable.
26. (Previously added) The container of claim 21 wherein container is adapted to resemble at least one of a jack-O-lantern, a cauldron, an egg, and a fingernail polish bottle, and wherein said plug is adapted to resemble at least one of a jack-O-lantern lid, a cat, a witch, a

bunny, a chick, and a brush handle, and wherein said plug includes a stepped opening adapted such that a pencil is removably insertable into said plug.